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**Jeff Bingham**

3 years ago edited

Keith Giles: "Jesus Was NOT Sacrificed For Your Sins"

The New Testament:

"Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood" (Romans 3:25)

"For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed." (1 Corinthians 5:7)

"Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2)

"But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26)

"Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:12)

"Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 2:2)

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)



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**Robert Conner** + → Jeff Bingham

3 years ago edited

Oh, whoops! Seven verses no less!

No fair quoting the Bible to Christians. No quoting verses that tell slaves to obey their masters as they would Christ or verses that tell women to shut up and make a sandwich or verses that predict Jesus will be back within a generation or verses that tell believers to hate their family members either.



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**Cletus Safari backs Ukraine** → Robert Conner

3 years ago

May your life and your afterlife be blessed, Mr. Conner.

Now say "Hello" to my little friend, the "Block" function.

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**Randy Starkey** → Robert Conner

3 years ago

Cultural context versus salvation. Not comparable.

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**Robert Conner** → Randy Starkey

3 years ago

It's 14 August, 2020 and Jesus isn't back yet. Don't wait up nights.

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**Benji Henri** → Robert Conner

3 years ago edited

2 Peter 3:4-10

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and [a]perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward [b]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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**Robert Conner** → Benji Henri

3 years ago

"When you are persecuted in one town, flee to the next. I tell you the truth, the Son of Man will return before you have reached all the towns of Israel." (Matt. 10:23)

15 August, 2020, and the Son of Man hasn't returned. And the Flood didn't really happen, did it?

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**Keith Giles** → Robert Conner

3 years ago

Yes, the Son of Man returned. Just not the way you think.

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**Tony Borg** → Keith Giles

3 years ago

Was his name Glenn Hoddle?

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**Robert Conner** → Keith Giles

3 years ago

Oh, so you got "caught up in the clouds" with the resurrected dead "to meet the Lord in the air"? How did that go?

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**Michael Anthony Enders** → Robert Conner

2 years ago

Get a better translation. There is no "reached" in the Greek.  
<https://biblehub.com/interl...> like most online skeptics you flop on biblical knowledge and basic logic

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**thunder250** → Robert Conner

3 years ago    edited

Trolls are for bridges. Cheap shots are for hockey. Some believe, some don't. . . so what.?

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**Robert Conner** → thunder250

3 years ago

Sorry to hear you're still living under that bridge. Maybe an affordable apartment will open up somewhere.

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**Randy Starkey** → Robert Conner

3 years ago

I sleep well physically thank you! 😊 Spiritually, I prefer to stay awake, as Jesus said.

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**Iain Lovejoy** ➔ Jeff Bingham

3 years ago

Here is something I would agree with, but I suspect for different reasons. Keith is so (rightly) horrified at the obscenity that is PSA, that he doesn't recognise that PSA was not invented entirely out of whole cloth but is a distorted misreading of these and other passages in the Bible which talk about Jesus being a sacrifice for sin. The Bible is clear that Jesus gave his life to cleanse us from our sin, and came from God to do so. What PSA does is turn this on its head and make Jesus sacrifice himself to appease God, so that God would forgive us, instead of, as had been the universal Christian understanding, Jesus being God sacrificing himself so that we would return to Him.

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**Jeff Bingham** ➔ Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

I agree. Though it's hard to tell in this strange post about OT sacrifices, I think Keith is trying to walk the tightrope of saying that Jesus was a sacrifice, but the crucifixion has nothing to do with the concept. It doesn't work, of course. There's just too much NT focus on the cross, the body of Christ, the blood of Christ, etc.

If you try to oppose PSA by making unsustainable arguments, you only hurt your own cause.

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**Randy Starkey** ➔ Jeff Bingham

3 years ago

Yup!

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**Luc Saffre** ➔ Jeff Bingham

3 years ago

I read these quotes as follows: The Jewish faith includes the idea that God punishes us for our sins. If not directly, then up to several generations later. Jesus's Gospel about a forgiving God who doesn't even account our sins was too new. Christians worship Jesus as the \*Lamb of God\* or \*Redeemer\* because he died on the cross as an atonement in order to definitively save the world from the idea of a God who punishes us for our sins. Some Christians go as far as to say that Jesus died on the cross for \*my\* sins. Yes, of course \*also my\* sins have been atoned. It is ridiculous to believe that I would have committed some especially detestable sin that would exclude me from God's forgiveness.

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**Keith Giles** Jeff Bingham

3 years ago

Quick response on the first reference: Romans 3:25 is more accurately translated as "Whom God set forth as a place of atonement [ilasterion] through faith in his blood, as a demonstration of his justice through the dismissal of past sins." < Note: "Technically the term translated 'atonement' here [ilasterion] is a word that can mean "expiation" or "expiatory" but in the standard Greek rendering of the Hebrew scriptures it had the special meaning of "mercy seat" which referred to the Ark of the Covenant." [See DBH New Testament translation; commentary on Romans 3:25]

In other words: Christ was the "mercy seat" of God which is not about sacrifice but about simply "...a demonstration of His justice through the dismissal of our sins."

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**Beau Quilter** Keith Giles

3 years ago edited

Context again. You neglect to mention that the "mercy seat" (the Ark of the Covenant) is where priests sprinkled the blood of sacrifices. What do you mean the mercy seat was "not about sacrifice"?! It had everything to do with sacrifice!

Of course, the english word "atonement" only dates to the sixteenth century AD. The Greek word "ilasterion", which most translational scholars render "atonement", is actually found far more often in Jewish Greek writings such as Josephus and the Septuagint than it is found in any other ancient Greek writings. When it is used in nonJewish Greek writings, it refers to an offering to a god, such as it's use by Dio Chrysostom in the 1st century to refer to the Trojan Horse. But a source more likely known to Paul is 4 Maccabees 17, which uses the term in much the same way that Paul does, relating it to the death of martyrs as a blood sacrifice.

Also known to Paul would have been it's use in the Septuagint to refer to the cover of the Ark of the Covenant on which the blood of a sacrificial bull was sprinkled by the high priest as an atonement for Israel. The Hebrew word "kapporet", used for this sacrificial Ark cover and translated "hilasterion" in the Septuagint, is related to the word for atonement (or expiation/cover for sins) used in the Jewish observance of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement).

Paul clearly relates the death of Jesus to the blood sacrifices sprinkled on the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament for the atonement of Israel.

Of course you should know this, because you cited Leviticus 16 above with a weak argument that the sacrifice there is not like Jesus. But if Paul meant to invoke the mercy seat with Romans 3:25, Leviticus 16 is where it is prominently invoked in the OT:

"He shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the curtain, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it upon the mercy seat and before the mercy seat."

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**Jeff Bingham** → Keith Giles

3 years ago

Thanks to Beau, here, for the correct context. If Paul is using the word translated "atonement" to mean "place of atonement" or "mercy seat", then what he's talking about is "the place where blood sacrifices are offered."

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**millieretro**

3 years ago    edited

Fancy yourself a scholar, Keith Giles? Then how do you come up with such idiotic, context-absent proof-texting?

Among the many contextual failures already pointed out by other commenters, here's another:

Keith Giles: "Sin offerings had to be female [not male] animals according to Leviticus 4:32"

Really? Did you bother to read verse 3 of the same chapter (4) in Leviticus: "If it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a BULL of the herd without blemish as a sin offering to the Lord."

Or verses 13 & 14 of the same chapter: "If the whole congregation of Israel errs unintentionally ... the assembly shall offer a BULL of the herd for a sin offering and bring it before the tent of meeting."

Or verses 22 & 23 of the same chapter: "When a ruler sins ... he shall bring as his offering a MALE GOAT without blemish."

Or the very next chapter in Leviticus 5:15: "When any of you commit a trespass and sin unintentionally in any of the holy things of the Lord, you shall bring, as your guilt offering to the Lord, a RAM without blemish from the flock"

Or Leviticus 5:17: "If any of you sin without knowing it ... you shall bring to the priest a RAM without blemish from the flock"

And here I've just restricted myself to the verses completely surrounding the verse you cited - how on God's green earth did you miss the obvious fact that there are bulls and billies and rams being sacrificed for sins all over the bible.

For crying out loud, one of the most famous is the ram God provided Abraham to replace the sacrifice of Isaac.

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**Keith Giles** → millieretro

3 years ago

I never said there were NO references to male animals. I said the sacrifice for the people in Leviticus had to be a female goat. Also, notice the conditional terms for when a bull or male

animal was required versus when the female animal was required.

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**millieretro** → Keith Giles

3 years ago    edited

Wrong again. Do us all a favor. Go back and read Leviticus 4, 5, 6, and 16 - really read it!

There IS a "conditional" on Leviticus 4:32! "If the offering you bring as a sin offering is a SHEEP" - not a goat, and not just any animal, and only "if" what you bring is a sheep.

Further there is no "conditional" on your Leviticus 16 sacrifice on the day of atonement - that is explicitly two MALE goats!

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**lynnyarden** → Keith Giles

3 years ago

No. You did not say in this post "the sacrifice for the people in Leviticus had to be a female goat" (which would also be incorrect). You said "Sin offerings had to be female [not male] animals" but every verse millieretro listed is a "sin offering" regardless of conditionals.

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**Joseph Shaw**

3 years ago

There are good arguments against Penal Substitutionary Theory. This isn't one of them. You spend all 7 points trying to argue that Jesus doesn't qualify as a sacrifice for sin (with OT references), when any Sunday School graduate knows that Jesus is portrayed as a sacrifice for sin in the NT so often it's hard to count!

Let me give you a hint, argue against the word "penal". Arguing that Christ wasn't a sacrifice is nonstarter, when there are so many concrete NT statements that he was exactly that.

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**Beau Quilter**

3 years ago    edited

This theological argument only works if you assume that scripture doesn't contradict itself, and then only cite those scriptures that don't contradict your argument. It's bizarre that you use Hebrews 9:22 to argue that "... there is no forgiveness apart from the shedding of blood. But we are not under the Law ..." When all of Hebrews 9 is a description of Christ's blood sacrifice as a more perfect version of the blood sacrifice of animals. Hebrews 9:13-14 "For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!"

OT scriptures about the specific rules for sacrifice are hardly relevant, when Hebrews 9 already points out the differences between the sacrifice of animals and the sacrifice of Christ, before concluding that "Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:12). In fact you also cite Hebrews 10:17 "I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more", to argue that sacrifice is not required for forgiveness conveniently leave at the context: this verse follows "Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins". Why the heck would you try to argue that, in scripture, "human sacrifices for sin were an abomination to God" when the verses like Hebrews explicitly state that "Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins"?

It is as clear as day that the writer of Hebrews sees Christ's sacrifice as the reason that sins are not remembered.

Now a full-throated version of PSA theory may well be "unscriptural" in other ways. But if you deceptively leave out the entire context of Hebrews (along with other NT scriptures) equating Jesus as a sacrifice akin to OT atonement sacrifices, you undercut your credibility. You don't seem to care about context; you're as guilty of cherry-picking as any fundamentalist.

You started your post with the assertion that there is "zero scriptural support" for the PSA theory claim "Jesus had to die on the cross to fulfill God's requirement for a worthy sacrifice that could atone the sins of mankind once and for all." Conveniently, you never address verses like Hebrews 10:10: "And it is by God's grace that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all".

or Ephesians 1:1 "Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"

or Romans 3:24-25 "the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood"

I'm not arguing for all the claims of PSA theory; but if you want people to take you seriously, don't make your own claims that can easily be countered by scripture, take scripture out of context, and fail to deal with scriptures that undergird PSA theory.

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**Benji Henri**  ➔ Beau Quilter

3 years ago

In agreement and also Jesus says in Matthew 5:17-20  
Christ Fulfills the Law

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one [a] jot or one [b] tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

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**millieretro**

3 years ago    edited

Another context-less use of Leviticus:

Keith Giles: "The sacrifice that took away the sins of the people was NOT put to death but set free in the wilderness according to Leviticus 16:9-10"



OK, first of all, you've just contradicted your first listed "reason" - this was a MALE goat: "He shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. (Leviticus 16:5)

Second - as you can see - both goats are sin offerings.

Third - a quick glance at Leviticus 4, 5, and 6 shows that there were plenty of sin offerings not involving scapegoats.

Fourth - as other commenters have already shown - none of these OT prooftexts seem to be a problem New Testament writers, where we hear more than once of "the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish." (1 Peter 1:19)

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**Chris Hogue**

3 years ago

Congratulations on finding some logic where it's bereft, jeers for coming right back!

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**Garvey's Ghost**

3 years ago

Because Jesus didn't exist.

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**Harold Porter** → Garvey's Ghost

3 years ago

Says who?

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**Garvey's Ghost** → Harold Porter

3 years ago

Anyone with a link of sense. Or understands basic biology.

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**Harold Porter** → Garvey's Ghost

3 years ago

I have a link of sense and I understand biology...the question is do you understand history...or more specifically, historiography...or more specifically, ancient historiography?

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**Sandy Plage** → Harold Porter

3 years ago



Fascinating question! Interested readers should check out the illuminating works of Thomas Brodie, Earl Doherty, and Richard Carrier. Completely eye opening.

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**Iain Lovejoy** → Sandy Plage

3 years ago

Also BS pseudohistory totally out of phase with the near unanimous consensus of actually experts.

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**Sandy Plage** → Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago    edited

While we are on the topic, you (and the young ones listening in) might be interested in this factoid. The author Papias is frequently cited by apologists (in near unanimous consensus) as an independent source (alas, one of just a few) of the historical nature of the Bible. Papias wrote his book between 130 and 150 CE, well after Mark wrote his gospel. Presumably Papias lived close enough to the time of the actual events that (like many good Christians of the time) he checked his sources for accuracy.

Here is what Papias has to say about Judas after he had betrayed Christ:

His body bloated to such an extent that, even where a wagon passes with ease, he was not able to pass. No, not even his bloated head by itself could do so. His eyelids, for example, swelled to such dimensions, they say, that neither could he himself see the light at all, nor could his eyes be detected even by a physician's instrument, so deep had they sunk below the surface. His genitals, too, grew bigger and more disgusting than all that is horrid, and, to his shame, out of them oozed pus and worms from all throughout his body whenever he relieved himself. After suffering an agony of pain and punishment, he finally went, as they say, to his own place. And owing to the stench the ground has been deserted and uninhabited until now. In fact, even to the present day no one can pass that place without holding one's nose, so abundant was the discharge from his body and so far over the ground did it spread.

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**Sandy Plage** → Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

The wonderful thing is that young people are being exposed to these authors and having their minds opened. The dawn is breaking. You too might benefit from reading these powerful thinkers. Think of it: For

thousands of years Christianity itself was "the near unanimous consensus of actually experts." Now we can be free.

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**Iain Lovejoy** ➔ Sandy Plage

3 years ago

The dawn isn't breaking, you ignoramus - the idea that Jesus was a mythical figure has its origins in the late 19th Century but is now largely discredited. The writers you refer to are as much "powerful thinkers" or genuine historians as the charlatans responsible for "Holy Blood, Holy Grail" nonsense, or theories about ancient aliens building the pyramids.

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**Sandy Plage** ➔ Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

Ignoramus! I am shocked but not offended. I take it that you have not read any of these authors. You gather up all your apologetic bile to spit at them, and me, in blind rage, but you have not actually considered anything they have to say. I will give you one challenge for homework: Where is Paul is any of the life, stories, miracles, or ministry that Mark first writes about?

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**Will Barton** ➔ Sandy Plage

3 years ago

Not sure what you mean by that last question. Ostensibly, Paul doesn't appear in the gospel of Mark, because it's a collection of tales about Jesus, and Paul never met him. Paul wasn't converted until years later.

Or are you referring to Mark as the companion of Paul in Acts? Most biblical historians, Christian and secular alike, acknowledge that the gospel of Mark is an anonymous collection, and not likely written by Mark the companion of Paul. That was a later appellation.

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**Sandy Plage** ➔ Will Barton

3 years ago

Oops, that was a typo. I meant to say, where does Paul refer to any of the details in Mark (or other Gospels) regarding the bio of Jesus, miracles, quotations, ministry, etc.?

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**Will Barton** ➔ Sandy Plage



3 years ago

All we've got from Paul is a small collection of letters (including some that most scholars agree are forgeries); and none of them appear to be biographies - not of Jesus and not even of Paul himself. He just mentions a few incidents in the life of either. The only detail I can remember off-hand is his brief description of the first communion in 1 Corinthians 11, which also appears in Mark 14. The dialogue has some similarities and some differences between Mark and 1 Corinthians, but that's not surprising in ancient documents - even highly educated Roman historians differ on those sorts of details.

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**Guthrum**    → Sandy Plage

3 years ago

Jesus sets us free from sin and death. There is no other way. Our churches need to preach repentance and commitment to Jesus as the risen Lord.

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**Iain Lovejoy**    👤+

3 years ago

The above article displays the same confusion between being forgiven and remitted from punishment for sin and being cured of it that PSA does. Both the article and PSA assume that any problem between man and God must be on God's side, not ours. PSA says that God is somehow not allowed to forgive our sins and he had to torture Jesus to death in order to give himself permission to do so, but now everything is OK. The article (rightly) condemns this as nonsense, but then goes on to make the equally nonsensical claim that because God freely forgives us for our sins everything is hunky dory and the only point of Jesus is apparently to reassure us that this is indeed the case. Jesus died to refute PSA, which exists only amongst Christians and didn't exist until about a millennium and a half after he died.

If you are looking for the simple message of the NT, which it says over and over again, it is that we and the world are seriously \*\*\*\*ed up, and all we seem to be able to do is \*\*\*\* it up further, and (precisely because God loves us and doesn't hold it against us) he came as Jesus to fix this so we don't continue to make a mess of things as we have previously been doing.

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**Will Barton**

3 years ago    edited

Articles like this - a condescending tone combined with completely false support statements - just leave you with a bad taste in your mouth. The intended topic may be progressive Christianity, but the behavior looks more like Trump.

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**Walt D**

3 years ago

I stumbled on this from Patheos, and I thought it was an attempt at humor. This guy is serious. I don't know much about PSA, but I know the Bible says Jesus was sacrificed for our sins, no matter how this guy twists these scriptures.

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**Benji Henri**

3 years ago

I don't know if anyone else pointed this out, but your point 2:

2) Sin offerings could not have any wounds according to Leviticus 22:22:

"Those [sacrifices] that are blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the Lord, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the Lord."

[Note: Jesus had numerous wounds on his body by the time he was nailed to the cross. He had scars on his back from the whip and on his head from the crown of thorns, not to mention the fact that his beard had been pulled out by the Roman centurions]

Well if you know anything about who Jesus is, you have forgotten to mention that He was without sin His entire life on Earth. It wasn't His physical marks but His perfect Spirit. He was a man WITHOUT sin, no spiritual spot or blemish, so He was perfectly qualified, albeit the only One who could be the complete sacrifice for mankind's sin

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**Harold Porter**

3 years ago

You undo your own argument. You go to great lengths to claim that 'Jesus didn't die for our sins', because, inter alia, one person is not guilty for another person's sins...and then go onto say that 'we' murdered Jesus. No we didn't! A specific group of Romans and Jews did. And seeing as though their guilt is not transferable (so you claim), it then has nothing to do with us today. Therefore, the fact that Jesus forgave those particular individuals, should (according to your argument) have no bearing on us.

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**Iain Lovejoy** → Harold Porter

3 years ago

This is nonsensical. That Jesus forgave even those who were crucifying him even while they were doing it is a pretty clear demonstration that there is nothing we can do for which we cannot be forgiven.

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**Harold Porter** → Iain Lovejoy



3 years ago

'Tis not nonsensical. Certainly the crucifixion 'demonstrated' Jesus' forgiveness. But if that is all it did, then it was merely a PR stunt and not instrumental in achieving forgiveness for sins (and open to similar accusations of cosmic child-abuse...that God would have his own son killed for PR purposes!). It seems to me that the the author is trying to retain some vestige of instrumentality in the crucifixion (The Lamb of God who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world) while undermining exactly how the crucifixion could have been instrumental.

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**iain Lovejoy** → Harold Porter

3 years ago

What you said was that Jesus forgiving those who were crucifying him has no bearing on whether we are forgiven. This is nonsense.

If you are now shifting to saying that Keith is saying that Jesus's crucifixion wasn't *instrumental* in forgiving our sins, you are perfectly right, but that's not what you said before.

Keith doesn't accept PSA. He just doesn't. Not one little itty bitty bit. He doesn't think the crucifixion was at all instrumental in God forgiving our sins, the article is clear on that. He also doesn't think that God crucified Jesus - people did that, not God. It was not a "PR stunt" it was a crime committed by people. He's a bit vague as to exactly how Jesus "died for our sins" (which I mention above) but that's not the same thing.

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**Harold Porter** → iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

What I'm getting at is that it seems to me that he is trying to slip in some notion of the instrumentality of the crucifixion, despite doing so much to dispute it...that's kinda my point...

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**jekylldoc** → Harold Porter

3 years ago    edited

But there are many ways of seeing the instrumentality of the crucifixion, much wider and more understanding than "a PR stunt" (see the recent elevation of a Bible by the clown in the White House), and I believe that Paul had the whole panoply in mind. I propose one central test for the validity of those views. Simply put, is the Resurrection crucial to our understanding of that instrumentality, as Acts, I Corinthians and Galatians would have it, or is it a separate work pointing only to the afterlife? Penal substitutary atonement omits any such combined instrumentality, while a ransom understanding or a reconciliation understanding are highly enhanced by the Resurrection as part of the instrumentality.

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**Harold Porter** → jekylldoc

3 years ago

"there are many ways of seeing the instrumentality of the crucifixion"...I agree. I just don't think that the author outlined any real alternatives (or additions to) the penal substitution instrumentality of the crucifixion.

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**jekylldoc** → Harold Porter

3 years ago

I think he has in past posts, but don't quote me on that.

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**Bob Jase**

3 years ago

ho wrote the bible? Men. Who supposedly makes the rules by which the universe runs? Not men. Stop apologetic retconning.

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**Randy Starkey**

3 years ago

I find this exegesis totally wrong. Much out of context. At a minimum, I recommend it be compared to a substitutionary exegesis. The cross is more than substitution, but it is that at its core, and it's why Jesus endured it.

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**Iain Lovejoy** → Randy Starkey

3 years ago

Penal substitution was invented during the Reformation. Trying to make it a foundational doctrine of the church is simply historically illiterate.

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**Guthrum** → Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

What we have in many churches is a Jesus without the cross. Many pastors do not even mention the power of the blood and the sacrifice of Jesus, God's only son.

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**jekylldoc** → Guthrum

3 years ago



I go to progressive churches, and I have certainly not found "a Jesus witho cross" preached. The crucifixion and resurrection is generally seen as transformational, as it was in the early church, but it is not seen as isolated independent from Jesus' ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom. Nor is NT. More likely the churches I go to are careful to address the problem of "i grace" which seeks to exempt people from any personal sacrifice, in blatar contrast to the preaching of Paul and the teaching of Jesus.

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**Guthrum** → jekyllidoc

3 years ago

That is good. But some churches have taken out their cross and altar. They have gone to a setting that looks and sounds like some night club, with loud music and dark lighting.

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**jekyllidoc** → Guthrum

3 years ago

What, no strobe lights or laser reflecting ball? Actually, it sounds daunting. Where is the peace and joy? Actually, we only use the altar for communion, so the churches of my youth would be offended, but the cross is prominently featured.

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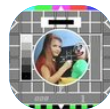


**Randy Starkey** → Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago

It wasn't "invented" during the reformation. It was popularized. There are much earlier articulates. If you want to go by historicity on these things, Christology was formulated also over a long period of time. Atonement theory is similar. In actuality, it was never "invented" but is rather revealed in Scripture.

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**Iain Lovejoy** → Randy Starkey

3 years ago

Nope. PSA itself was first floated during the Reformation. PSA was a modification of St Anselm's earlier (11th century) similar satisfaction theory, but it can't trace its origins earlier than that. Prior to the 11th Century no such ideas existed, and only the western church has ever held anything like it: the eastern church has no such concept at all.

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**Randy Starkey** → Iain Lovejoy

3 years ago





"Scholars vary when interpreting proposed precursors to penal substitution in the writings of some of the Early Church fathers, including Justin Martyr (c.100-165), Eusebius of Caesarea (c.275-339), Athanasius (c.300-373) and Augustine of Hippo (354-430). There is general agreement that no writer in the Early Church taught penal substitution as their primary theory of atonement. Yet some writers appear to reference some of the ideas of penal substitution as an afterthought or as an aside." (Early Church - Wiki)

It was not primary, but it was there. Same with Christology. And the Trinity. It all developed. And in any case, Scripture trumps. Some of the 7 points in this post were, well...

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**james warren**

2 years ago

"Go and learn what this means: [God] desires mercy and not sacrifice."

—Matthew 9: 13

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**Enzo De Vincentis**

2 years ago

Interesting, Mr Giles quotes seven Old testament scriptures to prove his point (which were under the law) but then denies Hebrews 9:22 which refers to the Old Testament, you cant have it both ways!

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**Karen Silver**

2 years ago

Great post. I find the idea of human sacrifice disgusting. Jesus gave us the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, Matthew 25:31 and the verses that followed and examples of decency to live by. His death was a miscarriage of justice. If you feel it's okay to murder a decent man, t that it's good news for you, stay out of my zip code.

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**Collin Brooks**

3 years ago

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**betsybrandt**

3 years ago

Jesus trumps the Old Testament. Not a good argument Keith using only OT scriptures. Can you explain why?

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**Frank Holzhauser**

3 years ago

Keith,

1. I would suggest you look at the Red-Heifer Offering described in Num 19 & Deut 21, this is the NT Gospel being preached in the OT, Jesus died outside the gate, and without the camp
2. it is the Burnt Offering that atones of and cleanses sin, the Sin Offering did neither, the Sin Offering only was effective til Day of Atonement
3. the Scapegoat DOES NOT represent Christ, the Scapegoat is in the end Satan
4. there is NO remission of sin without blood
5. Universalism is as bad or worse doctrine then Eternal Torment, because you are not sufficiently warning the sinner to repentance

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**Jimhere**

3 years ago edited

Since I'm not guilty of the original sin, not guilty of the crime of being born, I don't need a savior to die for me.

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**Guthrum**

3 years ago

Many churches today no longer preach and teach the blood atonement. If you are in one of those churches you should discuss this with your pastor. The pastor should explain why this is not being taught. We are washed in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Churches should be bringing people to Jesus and converting them. Most churches have become nothing more than social clubs.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to come into the church and bring revival to our land.

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**Iain Lovejoy**

➔ Guthrum

3 years ago

PSA is an obscene distortion of the gospel, invented by people who, unforgiving themselves, thought it beneath God's dignity to forgive sin. Nothing like it existed in Christianity for a thousand years, it has done nothing but harm to the witness of the church and it is nothing but good news if churches cease to preach it.

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**Ivan Beggs**

➔ Guthrum

3 years ago

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**Maltnothops**   Ivan Beggs

3 years ago

Because he believes it to be true.

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